

That which is claimed is:

1. A method of providing messages for a user, the method comprising:
accepting entry of a message for the user;
accepting entry of a location criteria associated with the message;
obtaining physical location information for a wireless communications device
5 associated with the user; and
transmitting the message for the user when the physical location information
for the wireless communications device matches the location criteria associated with
the message.
- 10 2. A method according to Claim 1 wherein the location criteria identifies
a physical address.
3. A method according to Claim 2 wherein the location criteria identifies
one of a plurality of physical addresses associated with the user.
- 15 4. A method according to Claim 3 wherein the plurality of physical
addresses associated with the user comprises a first address for a residence of the user
and a second address for a workplace of the user.
- 20 5. A method according to Claim 1 further comprising:
accepting entry of a second message for the user;
accepting entry of a second location criteria associated with the second
message wherein the second location criteria is different than the first location
criteria; and
25 transmitting the second message for the user when the physical location
information for the wireless communications device matches the second location
criteria associated with the second message.
- 30 6. A method according to Claim 1 wherein obtaining physical location
information for the wireless communications device associated with the user
comprises polling for the physical location information.

7. A method according to Claim 1 wherein obtaining physical location information for the wireless communications device associated with the user comprises accepting physical location information.

5 8. A method according to Claim 7 wherein the physical location information is provided responsive to movement of the wireless communications device.

9. A method according to Claim 7 wherein the physical location information is provided periodically from a database of mobile terminals and locations.

10. A method according to Claim 1 wherein transmitting the message for the user comprises transmitting the message to the wireless communications device.

15 11. A method according to Claim 1 wherein transmitting the message for the user comprises transmitting the message to an electronic device other than the wireless communications device at a location identified by the physical location information.

20 12. A method according to Claim 11 further comprising:
after transmitting the message to the other electronic device, awaiting receipt of confirmation from the other electronic device for a predetermined period of time;
and

25 after exceeding the predetermined period of time without receiving confirmation from the other electronic device, retransmitting the message to the wireless communications device.

30 13. A method according to Claim 1 further comprising:
accepting entry of a time criteria associated with the message for the user;
wherein transmitting the message for the user comprises transmitting the message for the user when both the physical location information for the wireless communications device matches the location criteria associated with the message and the time matches the time criteria associated with the message for the user.

14. A method according to Claim 13 wherein the time criteria comprises a date.

5 15. A method according to Claim 1 further comprising:
accepting entry of a deadline criteria associated with the message for the user;
and
transmitting the message for the user when the deadline criteria has been
satisfied even though the location criteria has not been satisfied.

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16. A method according to Claim 15 wherein the deadline criteria
comprises a date and a time.

15 17. A messaging service system comprising:
a data input system that accepts entry of a message for a user, that accepts
entry of a location criteria associated with the message, and that obtains physical
location information for a wireless communications device associated with the user;
and
a transmitter that transmits the message for the user when the physical location
20 information for the wireless communications device matches the location criteria
associated with the message.

25 18. A system according to Claim 17 wherein the location criteria identifies
a physical address.

19. A system according to Claim 18 wherein the location criteria identifies
one of a plurality of physical addresses associated with the user.

30 20. A system according to Claim 19 wherein the plurality of physical
addresses associated with the user comprises a first physical address for a residence of
the user and a second physical address for a workplace of the user.

21. A system according to Claim 17 wherein the data input system further
accepts entry of a second message for the user and accepts entry of a second location

criteria associated with the second message wherein the second location criteria is different than the first location criteria, and wherein the transmitter transmits the second message for the user when the physical location information for the wireless communications device matches the second location criteria associated with the
5 second message.

22. A system according to Claim 17 wherein the data input system obtains physical location information for the wireless communications device associated with the user by polling for the physical location information.
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23. A system according to Claim 17 wherein the data input system obtains physical location information for the wireless communications device associated with the user by accepting physical location information.

24. A system according to Claim 23 wherein the physical location information is provided responsive to movement of the wireless communications device.
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25. A system according to Claim 23 wherein the physical location information is provided periodically from a database of mobile terminals and locations.
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26. A system according to Claim 17 wherein the transmitter transmits the message for the user to the wireless communications device.
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27. A system according to Claim 17 wherein the transmitter transmits the message for the user to an electronic device other than the wireless communications device at a location identified by the physical location information.

28. A system according to Claim 27 wherein
after transmitting the message to the other electronic device, the transmitter awaits receipt of confirmation from the other electronic device for a predetermined period of time, and wherein after exceeding the predetermined period of time without
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receiving confirmation from the other electronic device, the transmitter retransmits the message to the wireless communications device.

29. A system according to Claim 17 wherein the data input system further
5 accepts entry of a time criteria associated with the message for the user, and wherein
transmitter transmits the message for the user when both the physical location
information for the wireless communications device matches the location criteria
associated with the message and the time matches the time criteria associated with the
message for the user.

10 30. A system according to Claim 29 wherein the time criteria comprises a
date.

31. A system according to Claim 17 wherein the data input system further
15 accepts entry of a deadline criteria associated with the message for the user, and
wherein the transmitter transmits the message for the user when the deadline criteria
has been satisfied even though the location criteria has not been satisfied.

32. A system according to Claim 31 wherein the deadline criteria
20 comprises a date and a time.

33. A messaging system comprising:
means for accepting entry of a message for a user;
means for accepting entry of a location criteria associated with the message;
25 means for obtaining physical location information for a wireless
communications device associated with the user; and
means for transmitting the message for the user when the physical location
information for the wireless communications device matches the location criteria
associated with the message.

30 34. A system according to Claim 33 wherein the location criteria identifies
a physical address.

35. A system according to Claim 34 wherein the location criteria identifies one of a plurality of physical addresses associated with the user.

36. A system according to Claim 35 wherein the plurality of physical
5 addresses associated with the user comprises a first physical address for a residence of the user and a second physical address for a workplace of the user.

37. A system according to Claim 33 further comprising:
means for accepting entry of a second message for the user;
10 means for accepting entry of a second location criteria associated with the second message wherein the second location criteria is different than the first location criteria; and
means for transmitting the second message for the user when the physical location information for the wireless communications device matches the second
15 location criteria associated with the second message.

38. A system according to Claim 33 wherein the means for obtaining physical location information for the wireless communications device associated with the user comprises means for polling for the physical location information.
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39. A system according to Claim 33 wherein the means for obtaining physical location information for the wireless communications device associated with the user comprises means for accepting physical location information.

25 40. A system according to Claim 39 wherein the physical location information is provided responsive to movement of the wireless communications device.

30 41. A system according to Claim 49 wherein the physical location information is provided periodically from a database of mobile terminals and locations.

42. A system according to Claim 33 wherein the means for transmitting the message for the user comprises means for transmitting the message to the wireless communications device.

5 43. A system according to Claim 33 wherein the means for transmitting the message for the user comprises means for transmitting the message to an electronic device other than the wireless communications device at a location identified by the physical location information.

10 44. A system according to Claim 43 further comprising:
means for retransmitting the message to the wireless communications device after exceeding a predetermined period of time without receiving confirmation from the other electronic device.

15 45. A system according to Claim 33 further comprising:
means for accepting entry of a time criteria associated with the message for the user;
wherein the means for transmitting the message for the user comprises means for transmitting the message for the user when both the physical location information
20 for the wireless communications device matches the location criteria associated with the message and the time matches the time criteria associated with the message for the user.

25 46. A system according to Claim 45 wherein the time criteria comprises a date.

47. A system according to Claim 33 further comprising:
means for accepting entry of a deadline criteria associated with the message for the user; and
30 means for transmitting the message for the user when the deadline criteria has been satisfied even though the location criteria has not been satisfied.

48. A system according to Claim 47 wherein the deadline criteria comprises a date and a time.